

105TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2378

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment under the Medicare program for pap smear laboratory tests.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 1998

Mr. AKAKA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Investment in Wom-  
5 en’s Health Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN PAYMENT AMOUNT FOR PAP SMEAR**  
7 **LABORATORY TESTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(h) of the Social Se-  
9 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(h)) is amended by adding at  
10 the end the following new paragraph:

1       “(7) In no case shall payment under the fee schedule  
2 established under paragraph (1) for the laboratory test  
3 component of a diagnostic or screening pap smear be less  
4 than \$14.60.”.

5       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
6 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to laboratory tests  
7 furnished on or after January 1, 1999.

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